

52nd Annual Southwest Conference on Diseases in Nature Transmissible to Man

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To All Interested Parties:
Call for papers

The 52nd Annual Southwest Conference on Diseases in Nature Transmissible to Man has been scheduled for June 6-7, 2002, in Houston, Texas. This conference is the oldest continuous meeting of its kind in the U.S. not affiliated with any professional association. We invite you to submit an abstract By December 31, 2001. If you wish to submit an abstract, complete the attached form and e-mail it to as an attachment to Jim.Schuermann@tdh.state.tx.us. For further information about the DIN 2002 Conference, please visit the Zoonosis Control website at <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/zoonosis/educatio/DIN>. Further conference information and a preliminary schedule will be forwarded as soon as it is available.

The Diseases in Nature conference focuses on zoonoses of interest to health professionals in the Southwestern United States. Participants include physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, veterinarians, epidemiologists, microbiologists, virologists, parasitologists, entomologists, sanitarians, public health professionals, wildlife biologists, animal control officers, and others involved in the diagnosis, investigation, and prevention of infectious diseases.

This conference serves as a forum for the presentations of research, epidemiological data, and other aspects of emerging and current zoonoses. There will be opportunity for discussion of the various topics that are presented. Case studies, outbreak investigations, basic and applied research, and surveillance program reports have been presented in the past. A primary theme of past conferences has been the ecology and epidemiology of zoonoses. The 52nd annual meeting includes the following tentative session subjects: Emerging Zoonotic Diseases, Vector-borne Disease and Vector Ecology, Environmental Aspects of Food-borne Disease, Clinical and Laboratory Responses, Advances in Microbiology/Molecular Biology, Rabies, and Public Health Responses to Disasters and Terrorism.

The conference goal is to increase knowledge and awareness of emerging zoonoses within the medical and public health communities. Survival of individuals infected with certain zoonotic diseases is quite often dependent on early diagnosis. Early diagnosis can be better assured if knowledge of these diseases is enhanced. Therefore, even if you are not interested in making a presentation, please mark your calendars and consider attending the conference for updates on some very intriguing diseases. This conference will offer continuing education units for various disciplines. The 2002 Conference Coordinators hope you will join us.

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